Drought Relief Programmes in Himachal Pradesh

871. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of funds under the 'Drought Relief Programme' cleared by the Central Government for various drought hit States recently;

(b) whether a request was also received from Himachal Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of funds sought and sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA) (a) State-wise details of assistance approved from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for Drought 2004-05 are indicated below:

State	Assistance approved from NCCF* (Rs. in crores)
Andhra Pradesh	141.47
Bihar	162.15
Jharkhand	139.82
Madhya Pradesh	36.30
Tamil Nadu	156.84
Uttar Pradesh	360.64

*Subject to adjustment of available balances in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State

(b) and (c) This year, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has not so far reported drought and no Memorandum seeking Central assistance has so far been received from the State:

Fruit industry in J and K

872. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that fruit growing is the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.